Montana State Library
3 0864 1006 2093 2
PERIODICALS

Montana and the sky

MDT Department of Transportation - Aeronautics Division Vol. 44 No. 4 April 1993

# 1993 Aviation Conference Awards

Many Montana aviators were honored during the 1993 Montana Aviation Conference. A number of organizations presented annual awards to outstanding achievers for their dedication and contributions throughout the year.

The Montana Aeronautics Division presented the following awards:

***Flight Instructor of the Year***
*Ray Ross*

***Aviation Educator of the Year***
*Carol Frederick*

***Aircraft Mechanic of the Year***
*Al Rickman*

***Search and Rescue Appreciation***
*Stanley Read*
*Bill Stewart*

***Airport of the Year Award***
*Edgar G. Obie Airport*
*Stevensville Airport*

***Special Recognition Award***
*Montana Chapter Ninety Nines*

With the expiration of the Jack Van DeRiet Flight Training Scholarship, an anonymous donor has stepped forward to continue the scholarship, renaming it to A Love of Aviation (ALOA) Scholarship.

***ALOA Scholarship***
*Michael Paulson*

The Montana Chapter of the Ninety Nines presented the following scholarship to assist in the financing of a female student pilots flight training.

***Ester Coombs-Vance/Vern Vine Memorial Scholarship***
*Lynn Heitz*

The Montana Pilots Association presented the following awards:

***Junior Pilot of the Year***
*Karrie Smith*

***Senior Pilot of the Year***
*Jack Archibald*

***Bent Prop Award***
*Jim Ellis*

STATE DOCUMENTS COLLECTION
MAY 21 1993
MONTANA STATE LIBRARY
1515 E. 6th AVE.
HELENA, MONTANA 59620

The Montana Aviation Trades Association presented the John Lynch Memorial Award. This is a travelling award that was presented from 1981 - 1989 to an FBO for outstanding service. The award was resurrected this year and presented to:

***John Lynch Memorial Travelling Award***
*Lynch Flying Service*

Permanent plaques were given to those FBO recipients who had received the award in a prior year. Those FBO's include:

*Aerotronics, Inc.*
*Hensley Flying Service*
*Lynch Flying Service*
*Miles City Aero*
*Morrison Flying Service*
*Obie Flying Service*
*Skycraft Aviation*
*Strand Aviation*

Ray Costello, Northwest Regional Director, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) presented its award to:

***AOPA Distinguished Service Award***
*Frank Bass*

In addition, Dr. Jerry Cockrell, presented the Spirit of Aviation Award. This is a new non-aviation award started by Dr. Cockrell and given to a Montanan who has made many and varied lifetime contributions. This award is designed to educate and bring non-aviators into the aviation community.

***Spirit of Aviation***
*Ann Humble*



PLEASE RETURN

# Administrator's Column

**Annual Federal Aircraft Registration Proposed:** The Administration's Economic Plan has raised great concern throughout the general aviation industry. One of the proposals is to implement an annual aircraft registration fee starting at $90 in FY94 and escalating to $300 by FY98. It appears that the Fee/tax will apply equally (really unequally) to a J-3 Cub or a Lear Jet. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) bureaucrats have taken advantage of a new opportunity to propose one of their previously failed pet taxes on general aviation. The OMB is clinging to their position that general aviation does not pay their fair share of the national airspace system which certainly can be argued in view of the fact that most general aviation aircraft do not need or use the elaborate airspace system designed for the airlines. Many of those general aviation pilots who do use the system do so for convenience however, they could get along without it. With an industry so fragile this could be the straw.... Senator Baucus sits on the Senate Finance Committee and they are charged with coming up with $151 million over a period of five-years starting with $18 million in FY94. If you have strong feelings over this issue you should contact Senator Baucus at 511 Hart Building, Washington DC 20510 (202) 224-2651.

# AOM Holds Meeting

**By: Martha Kurtz**
*Executive Secretary*

The Board of the Aviation Organizations of Montana held a regular meeting in Helena on Saturday, April 3. Originally organized as a steering committee for the Montana Aviation Conference, AOM also acts to promote all facets of aviation in the State. The Board is made up of a representative from each of the Montana Aviation Organizations.

Kevin Grenier, chairman of the Montana Aviation Conference held in Missoula in February, presented a financial report on that Conference along with a brief critique which will be passed on to the organizers of the next Conference. The 1993 Conference was another very successful event. The 1994 Conference will be held in Billings.

The group approved Kalispell's bid to host the 1995 Conference. Host organizations will include MAMA, MATA, Flathead Hangar of MPA, and EAA. Host facility will be the Outlaw Inn.

Mike Ferguson, administrator of the Montana Aeronautics Division, updated the Board on the status of the aviation fuel tax legislation. AOM had developed a fact sheet on Montana aviation. This, along with an AOM brochure, was distributed to members of the House and Senate just prior to committee hearings on the legislation. In addition, aviation groups were well represented in testimony at committee hearings.

It was suggested that some of AOM's share of the Conference profits might be used to fund aviation scholarships in Montana. Members were asked to take this idea back to their individual organizations for further discussion. If this project were approved, guidelines would be established for administering and awarding one or more scholarships.

An election of officers was held with Kevin Grenier being elected president. Tina Pomeroy was elected vice-president. Martha Kurtz serves as a executive secretary/treasurer.

A ninth organization was welcomed to the group with the addition of the newly formed Association of Montana Aerial Applicators, Bill Sheets, who serves as president of that organization, will be their representative on the AOM Board. Bill is from Big Sandy. Other representatives on the Board include: Tom Binford, Billings, MAMA; Dave Gates, Butte, MPA; Kevin Grenier, Missoula, MATA; Marilyn Lewis, Helena, MFF, Frank Bass, Moore, MAAA; Gail Sanchez-Eaton, Bozeman, 99s' and Tina Pomeroy, Livingston, CAP. An appointment of an EAA representative has yet to be announced. Bob Redding, Laurel, has served for the past two years in that capacity.

*Montana and the Sky*
Department of Transportation
Marc Racicot, Governor
Marv Dye, Director

Official monthly publication
of the
Aeronautics Division
Telephone 444-2506
2630 Airport Road
Helena, Montana 59604
Michael D. Ferguson
Administrator

**Aeronautics Board**
**Ron Mercer, Chairman**
**Joel Fenger, Member**
**Leland Ford, Member**
**Douglas Freeman, Member**
**Greg Mecklenburg, Member**
**Sharel Stroh, Member**
**Byron Bayers, Member**
**Fred Booth, Member**

*Montana and the Sky* is published monthly
in the interest of aviation in the
State of Montana.
Third Class postage paid at
Helena, Montana 59604

Subscription: $3 per year
**Editor:** Debbie Alke
**Editorial Assistanc:**
Sean Seville

# Livingston to Host Soaring Competition

**By: Bill Ard**
*Montana Soaring Society*

The Montana Soaring Society is hosting this year's Region 8 Championships for the first time ever in Livingston. The regional meet is in preparation for next year's 15-Meter Nationals, which is soaring's premier event on the national level.

From July 24-30 between 25 and 50 spectacular fiberglass racing sailplanes will converge on Mission Field for a week of competitive tasks that will overfly south-central Montana for a radius of 200 miles in all directions. Some of the top names in soaring will be there, including Karl Striedieck (10 time national champion in the Standard and 15 meter class) who will be our contest director, calling the shots right from the cockpit.

To date we have entrants from 15 states; from California to New Jersey, from Florida to Colorado. We even have an entrant from Montana to join this prestigious group: Greg Mecklenburg of Bozeman will be competing in the 15 Meter class and hopes to turn his familiarity with the territory into a winner's trophy.

Anticipation for the event is running high, as Montana is virgin territory for the national racing circuit. Pilots will be called upon to fly the whole vast network of mountain ranges and river systems our region has to offer, from the Tobacco Roots to the Crazies and from the Absoroka-Bear Tooths to the Little Belts.

They'll discover the varied conditions present in the Madison, Gallatin, Smith, Shield's, Yellowstone, and Paradise Valleys. The variety of the countryside, combines with our usual late July weather and temperature extremes of 40 degrees or more should make for plenty of "rough air and turbulence", which is glider speak for ideal soaring conditions.

Various state agencies have been very helpful in getting information to our pilots - especially the Montana Aeronautics Division, which has helped organize a "welcome" package including aeronautical charts and airport directories. We really appreciate the efforts of Debbie Alke and Mike Ferguson in helping to make our pilots feel welcome in Montana.

Also the city of Livingston has opened it's arms to the glider guys; we're getting tremendous support from the business community and the Chamber of Commerce, plus the Airport Board has made us a priority item right in the middle of their expansion and renovation project. Jerri Millar and the other Board members have given freely of their time to help us organize and meet the right people in Livingston.

The public is welcome to visit Mission Field and witness the event, particularly on the practice weekend of July 24-25. If all this enthusiasm persists until the contest, Montana's first soaring championship will truly be a world class event.

# Notice!

The Helena FSDO now has a toll free telephone number that can be accessed from anywhere in the U.S. 1-800-457-9917.

# OOPS!

In last month's edition of Montana and the Sky Jack Vallance was not listed as a newly elected board member of the Association of Montana Aerial Applicators (AMAA). Jack was elected to the Board during the annual meeting. Sorry Jack!

# Calendar

**May 29-31**—Benchmark Work Session.
**June 5**—Miles City Fly-in.
**June 14-25**—Aerospace Teacher Workshops, Missoula
**June 21-28**—Aerospace Teacher Workshops, Billings
**June 12**—EAA Chapter 57 4th Annual Fly-in, Laurel.
**June 26**—Plains Annual Fly-in. Call Randy Garrison 826-3605.
**July 1-4**—6th Annual Family Fun Fly-in and Flight Safety Expo, Helena Regional Airport.
**July 12-17**—Just Plane Fun! Aviation Camp. Rocky Mountain College, Billings. Grades 7-11. Call Erik Anderson 259-5294 or John Cech 657-1040.
**July 23**—Aeronautics Board Meeting, Yellowstone Airport.
**July 16-18**—Schafer Meadows Work Session.
**July 26-31**—Region 8 Soaring Championships, Livingston. Call Steve Ard 388-6887.
**July 29-August 4**—41st Annual EAA Fly-in Convention, Oshkosh, WI.
**August 6-8**—MAAA Fly-in, Three Forks.
**August 28**—Kalispell Air Show, Kalispell City Airport.
**Sept. 3-6**—Fly-in, Yellowstone Airport, West Yellowstone.
**Sept. 17-19**—Mountain Search Pilot Clinic, Kalispell.
**Feb. 4-6, 1994**—Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic, Helena.
**Feb. 23-26, 1994**—Montana Aviation Conference, Billings.

# Did You Know?

General aviation aircraft consume only 7% of the fuel in air transportation while flying 67% of all flight hours flown in the United States.

*Dr. Jerry Cockrell presented Ann Humble with the Spirit of Aviation Award.*

*Willy and Pat Rimby won two roundtrip airlines ticketed donated by Skywest Airlines and generously asked that they be auctioned off and donated the proceeds to the EAA Scholarship program. Bob and Peggy Lipscomb were the successful bidders. Frank Bass served as auctioneer and Dr. Jerry Cockrell assisted.*

*Saturday luncheon speakers Pat Epps and Richard Taylor of the Greenland Expedition Society presented their fascinating story of the P-38 recovery from Greenland. Both gentlemen and their southern charm were special additions to the conference.*

*Lisle Wood, President, Montana Pilot's Association honored Jack Archibald of Kalispell as the Senior Pilot of the Year.*

*Dorothy Obie and Ed Obie, Jr., accept the Airport of the Year Award on behalf of the Edgar G. Obie, Sr. Airport. The airport f/k/a the Chinook Airport was recently renamed in memory of Mr. Obie who was killed in a freak accident at the airport recently.*

*Members of the Montana 99s conducted a Flying Companion Seminar for non-pilots attending the conference. The 99s were also paid tribute during the awards luncheon for their continued dedication to airmarking airports around the state. Pictured are Gail Sanchez-Eaton, Jan Anderson and Tina Pomeroy.*

*Over 150 students attended an Aviation/ Aerospace Career Day. Joe Degen and Mike Wornath, local committee volunteers, conduct drawings for the students. Thanks to the many generous merchants who donated prizes of "kid" interest.*

*This very successful program was offered to middle and high school students. Students particularly enjoy their opportunity to visit with the career specialists following their presentations. After each session students were allowed time to visit the display area.*

*Four panels of aviation career specialists shared their background and aviation involvement with the students. Some of the panelists included: Dave Kimball, Rocky Mountain College; Ken Fielding, Minuteman Aviation; Lt. Col. Kenneth Lamkin, Liaison Officer, Malmstrom Air Force Base; Hal Keilman, Helena Vo-Tech.*

*Jim Damron, United Airlines Captain; Mary Morris, USAir Captain; and Art Daniels, Northwest Airlines Captain.*

*John Styba, Airport District Office, FAA; Ed Lachendro, Young Eagles Program Coordinator, Experimental Aviation Association, Oshkosh, WI; Denny Bridges, Flight Standards, FAA.*

*Lee Ford, corporate jet pilot; Jack Kraft, St. Pat's Life Flight; Mary Verry, USFS pilot, Ed Lovrien, Northstar Air Express Flight Instructor.*

*Larry Meidell from Chadwick Helmuth of El Monte, CA chats with Bill and Loretta Chapman.*

*Representatives from Montana Coyote, an airplane manufacturer located on the Helena Airport, visit with Mary Ann Lutz of Billings.*

*Concurrent session speakers offer talks on a variety of interesting topics. Michael Parfit, Jerry Mayala and Joe Guthrie are a few of the experts who generously contributed to the conference.*

*Tom Chapman, Vice-President and Legal Counsel, AOPA, Frederick, Maryland, briefed conference participants on aviation happenings and legislation at the federal level.*

*Don Douglas, Regional Director General, Transport Canada and Fred Isaac, Regional Administrator, Northwest Mountain Region, FAA enjoyed getting a chance to visit.*

*Banquet speaker Major Rhonda Cornum, held the audience spellbound with her story of being captured and held prisoner during Desert Storm. Major Cornum looks on as Ray Costello, AOPA, presents Frank Bass with the AOPA Distinguished Service Award.*

*Conducting safety sessions was Bob Cathers of the AOPA Air Safety Foundation, Frederick, Maryland.*

*Two familiar faces at the aviation conference each year are seasoned aviators, Hal Keilman, Sr., and Vivienne Schrank.*

*Doug Freeman, Aeronautics Board member, gets a chance to visit with Epps and Taylor of the Greenland Expedition Society.*

*The aviation mechanic refresher seminar was well attended. Thank you to the many exhibitors who double as instructors for this seminar and others who helped make it a success.*

*Don Livasy, Assistant Airport Manager, Missoula and Monte Eliason, Airport Manager, Glacier Park, take a minute to visit following MAMA's membership meeting.*

# FAA Issues Certificates

## Private

| | |
|---|---|
| Konrad Akland | Missoula |
| Debbie Denbleyker | Missoula |
| Randall Keller | Missoula |
| John Seeberger | Great Falls |

## Commercial

| | |
|---|---|
| Elbert Sturgis | Darby |

## Instrument

| | |
|---|---|
| John Machart | Peerless |

## CFI Renew

| | |
|---|---|
| Tommy Bohannan | Missoula |
| Stanley Colton | Denton |
| Leo Dutton | Helena |
| Larry French | Wolf Point |
| Russell Greaves | Helena |
| Robert Holman | Kalispell |
| Robert Keill | Helena |
| Thomas Marcwick | Belgrade |
| Donald Newton | Lewistown |
| Williams Sheets | Big Sandy |
| Dennis Slpvegaard | Billings |
| Ernest Smith | Ekalaka |
| William Stevens | Ashland |

## Advanced Ground Instructor

| | |
|---|---|
| Steven Reitz | Roberts |

## CFI

| | |
|---|---|
| Carl Brosten | Helena |
| Carol McWhorter | Great Falls |

Thirty-three hundred copies of this public document were produced at an estimated cost of 37¢ each, for a total cost of $1,210. This includes $60 for production, $526 for postage and $624 for printing.

PO Box 5178
Helena, Montana 59604

April 1993

Bulk Rate
Postage Paid at
Helena, MT 59620
Permit No. 141